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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 16194

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BE FR

SUBJECT: BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS PARIS

1. SUMMARY. BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS VISITED PARIS FOR TALKS WITH GISCARD AND CHIRAC JULY 1. FRENCH HAVE THUS KICKED OFF SERIES OF INTENSIVE BILATERALS WITH EEC PARTNERS IN CONTEXT OF GOF SIX-MONTH PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BEGINING JULY 1. UPSHOT OF MEETING WITH TINDEMANS IS THAT GOF HAS AGREED TO SPEAR-HEAD EFFORT TO REINVIGORATE EEC, BUT NO SPECIAL NEW IDEAS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED THAT WE CAN DETECT BEYOND DESIRE FOR SUMMIT MEETING IN LATE 1974. END SUMMARY.

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2. IN STATEMENTS TO PRESS,BEFORE EFORE AND AFTER TALKS WITH

GISCARD AND CHIRAC, BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS SAID HE HAD URGED GOF, AS IT TAKES OVER PRESIDENCY OF EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TO LAUNCH SPECIAL EFFORT TO REINVIGORATE THE EUROPE OF THE NINE. HE SAID ONLY FRANCE COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DRIVE. (EMBASSY PROVIDING DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM). HE INDICATED THAT BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED IN EUROPEAN CONTEXT, AS WELL AS SOME BILATERAL MATTERS SUCH AS ROAD LINK FROM BELGIUM TO DUNKERQUE AND POLLUTION OF RIVERS DRAINING BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. PRESS SPECULATION LATER INDICATED TINDEMANS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH JOINING EUROGROUP IN CONTEXT FRENCH EFFORTS TO SELL BELGIUM REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR F-104. SEPTTEL DISCUSSES THIS IN DETAIL WITH CLEAR INDICATION FRENCH NOT WILLING TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF EUROGROUP BECAUSE OF INTERNAL POLITICAL RESTRAINTS.

4. BELGIAN DCM TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR JULY 2 THAT NO NEW IDEAS WERE FLOATED DURING TINDEMANS VISIT BEYOND AGREEMENT THAT VIGOROUS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REVIVE THE MOMENTUM OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. GISCARD IS DETERMINED TO HAVE EEC SUMMIT BEFORE END OF 1974 WHILE FRANCE CONTROLS THE COMMUNITY'S PRESIDENCY, BUT SELECTION OF EXACT DATE WILL DEPEND ON TIMING OF UK GENERAL ELECTIONS. SUMMIT WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AFTER UK ELECTION.  
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